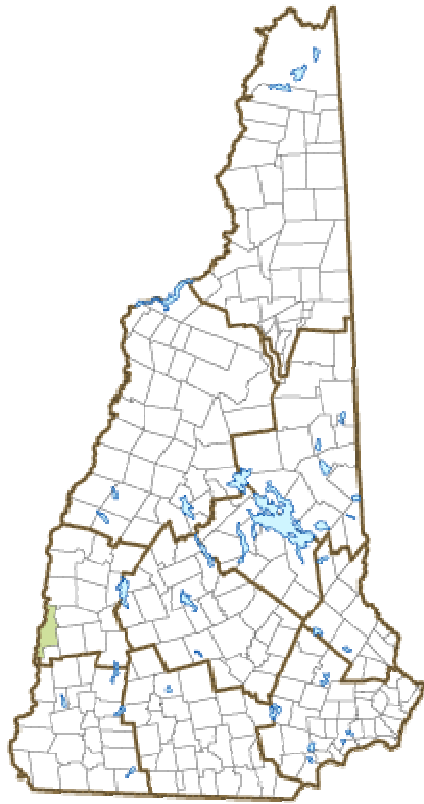


# Charlestown, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Selectmen: Monday, Wednesday, 8 am - 6 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 8 am - 1 pm, 1:30 pm - 6 pm, Tuesday through Friday, 8 am - 1 pm, 1:30 pm - 4 pm**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Sullivan**  
**Charlestown, NH LMA**  
**Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee**  
**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee**  
**Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

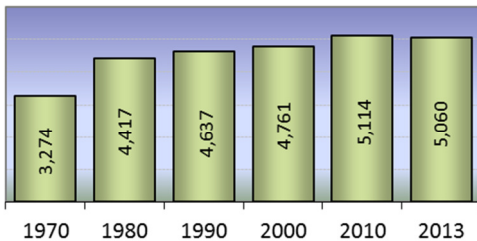
**District 2**  
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**District 5**  
**Sullivan County Districts 8, 11**

**Incorporated: 1753**

**Origin:** Charlestown was originally the site of Number Four, the fourth in a line of forts on the Connecticut River border established as trading posts by Massachusetts Governor Belcher in 1735. In 1753, Governor Benning Wentworth named the town in honor of his friend, Admiral Sir Charles Knowles of the British Navy, who was then governor of Jamaica. A reproduction of Old Fort Number Four is now a historical site and museum. A historical marker commemorating the fort was erected in 1958—the second marker in the NH Historical Marker Program.

**Villages and Place Names:** Hemlock Center, North Charlestown, Snunshire, South Charlestown, South Hemlock, Springfield Junction, Trapshire

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,093 residents in 1790



**Population Trends:** Population change for Charlestown totaled 2,484 over 53 years, from 2,576 in 1960 to 5,060 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 35 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; after that, decennial percent change was seven percent or less. The 2013 Census estimate for Charlestown was 5,060 residents, which ranked 66th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau):** 141.3 persons per square mile of land area. Charlestown contains 35.8 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$4,793,879	
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Zoning Ordinance		1951/12	
Master Plan		2007	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectboard; Planning; Finance; Library; Cemetery; Highway Advisory; Recreation		
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation; Heritage		
Public Library	Silsby Free Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		On-Call	
Emergency Medical Service		On-Call	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Valley Regional, Claremont		13 miles	25
Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Windsor VT		19 miles	33
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; National Grid; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Charlestown Municipal Water Department		
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory: glass, cardboard only & voluntary for other recyclables	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$32.28	
2013 Equalization Ratio		107.7	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$34.38	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		83.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		13.2%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.5%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		2,467	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,511	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		180	
Five or More Units in Structure		166	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		610	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2013	5,060		43,183
2010	5,114		43,742
2000	4,761		40,560
1990	4,637		38,652
1980	4,417		36,063
1970	3,274		30,949
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013			
Population by Gender			
Male	2,371	Female	2,689
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			287
Age 5 to 19			726
Age 20 to 34			810
Age 35 to 54			1,642
Age 55 to 64			749
Age 65 and over			846
Median Age			47.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			87.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher			12.5%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Per capita income			\$23,337
Median family income			\$53,931
Median household income			\$45,080
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$40,457
Female			\$36,604
Individuals below the poverty level			10.3%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2003		2013
Civilian labor force	2,387		2,733
Employed	2,292		2,590
Unemployed	95		143
Unemployment rate	4.0%		5.2%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003		2013
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	801		1,005
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 625		\$ 938
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	565		684
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 605		\$ 678
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	1,365		1,688
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 617		\$ 833
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	454		221
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 585		\$ 631
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,819		1,909
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 609		\$ 809

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)** District: **SAU 60**

Career Technology Center(s): **The Cheshire Career Center, Keene; Fall Mountain Regional High School - CTE, Langdon; Windham Regional Career Center, Brattleboro, VT** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>		
Total Enrollment	<b>305</b>	<b>143</b>		

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **107**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Whelen Engineering	Emergency lights	800	1952
Town of Charlestown	Municipal services	130	1753
Fall Mountain Regional School District	Education	125	1964
Design Standards, Inc	Medical instruments	93	1979
Student Conservation Association	Non-Profit youth conservation agency	84	1964
Bomar, Inc.	Marine hardware	80	1974
Airgas, Inc	Welding equip., industrial & medical gases	60	1982
G K N Aerospace	Aircraft engine parts	55	1979
Connecticut River Bank	Banking services	45	1864

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>11, 12, 12A</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 7</b>
	Distance	<b>2 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>
Public Transportation		<b>Community Alliance</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Claremont Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>3,098 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>32 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>82 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>174 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>132 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>238 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>214 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2009-2013)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>73.3%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>13.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>3.3%</b>
Other means	<b>1.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>8.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>23.4 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013**

Working in community of residence	<b>34.9</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>50.4</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>14.7</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
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	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Sunapee, Mount Ascutney (VT)**

Other: **Fort at No. 4 Museum; Morningside Flight Park**